

May 22, 2017

Memorandum

To: Administrator E. Scott Pruitt
From: Aaron Ringel, DAA OCIR
Cc: Troy Lyons, AA OCIR
Ryan Jackson, COS
Re: Congressional Western Caucus Speaking Event on 5/23/2017

PURPOSE: You have been invited to speak before the Congressional Western Caucus during their lunch member meeting at noon on Tuesday, May 23rd.

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BACKGROND ON CONGRESSIONAL WESTERN CAUCUS:

Active for over 20 years, The Western Caucus is one of the largest and longest standing Congressional caucuses. Originally made up of members for Western states, the caucus has expanded to included Members of Congress from all across the country who share the values and vision of a stronger America. The Western Caucus includes a few members from east of the Mississippi and has one Democrat, Oregon's Kurt Schrader.

The Congressional Western Caucus is working to advance five basic objectives:

- Principle 1 – (Energy): Promoting access to our nation's energy and mineral resources while supporting a true all-of-the-above energy approach that aims to ensure the U.S. is a global energy leader.
- Principle 2 – (Local Control): Focusing on state and local solutions that put our communities first.
- Principle 3 – (Private Property Rights): Protecting ownership of property is a fundamental right in America.
- Principle 4 – (Multiple-Use): Preserving multiple-use on public lands for activities like camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, OHV use, responsible energy production and grazing.
- Principle 5 – (Agriculture and Forestry): Ensuring affordable and safe domestic food production for American families while also maintaining healthy forests.

These principles are based on the idea that stewardship of our environment and natural resources is best accomplished by those on the ground.

POTENTIAL TOPICS:

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REP. PAUL GOSAR (R-AZ04)

CHAIRMAN, CONGRESSIONAL WESTERN CAUCUS

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S., is serving his fourth term in Congress as the Representative for Arizona's Fourth Congressional District. First elected in 2010, he came to Congress with no prior political experience. Rep. Gosar serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources and House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. As chairman of the 69-member Congressional Western Caucus and chairman of the Natural Resources subcommittee on energy and mineral resources, Gosar is a leader in Republican efforts to reduce federal agencies' control over how states in the West use their copper, coal, oil, and other assets.

Before being elected to Congress in 2010, Dr. Gosar owned his own dental practice and was a small businessman in Flagstaff for twenty-five years.

U.S Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C.

ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT

Congressional Western Caucus Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

EVENT TIME: 12:05PM EDT – 1:00PM EDT

LOCATION: Rayburn House Office Building 2247

SPEAKING TIME: 12:05PM EDT – 1:00PM EDT

AUDIENCE: 70 Western Caucus Members

POC/Security Contact: Jeff Small: 202.226.8272

Background:

This is a monthly member's-only meeting hosted by Congressional Western Caucus Chairman Paul Gosar (AZ-04) where our 70 caucus members are able to get together and hear from our featured speaker of the month.

Event Details:

Private event.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

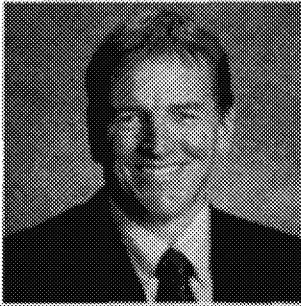
10:45AM EDT	Advance Arrives at Rayburn House Office Building
11:50AM EDT – 12:00PM EDT	Depart WJC for Rayburn House Office Building Address: Rayburn House Office Building 2247
12:00PM EDT– 12:05PM EDT	Arrive and proceed to Rayburn 2247
12:05PM EDT – 12:15PM EDT	Chairman Gosar calls member meeting to order and introduces Administrator <i>Note: Set-up will be hollow roundtable with microphone at seat</i>
12:15PM EDT – 12:35PM EDT	Administrator delivers remarks
12:35PM EDT – 12:50PM EDT	Administrator Q & A
12:50PM EDT – 12:55PM EDT	Photo with Caucus members
1:00PM EDT – 1:10PM EDT	Depart Rayburn House for WJC
1:15PM EDT – 1:30PM EDT	Briefing re: Ford Meeting Location: Administrator's office

TOPIC/TALKING POINTS: EPA's recent activities, updates, changes, and priorities

PRESS: CLOSED

NEED TO KNOW PARTICIPANTS:

Chairman Paul Gosar
(AZ -R)



Congressman Gosar serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources, which considers legislation about American energy production, mineral lands and mining, fisheries and wildlife, public lands, oceans, Native Americans, irrigation and reclamation. Arizona's Fourth Congressional District is rich in natural resources and this committee is an important avenue for Gosar to fight for the concerns of the district. Within the Resources Committee, Congressman Gosar serves on two subcommittees:

- **(CHAIRMAN) The Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources** oversees American energy production and mining on federal lands – both onshore and offshore.

- **The Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans** is responsible for matters concerning America's water resources, federal irrigation projects, generation of electric power from federal water projects and interstate water issues.